(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has reported that there is no internal conflict and anarchy. There is a trend over the last ten years that 7-8 doctors leave the Institute either by resignation or on voluntary retirement on personal grounds. However, this has not led to any deterioration in the secvices. Neither AIIMS nor this Ministry has received any letter from Dr. VS. Mehta on the reported internal atmosphere of the Institute.

Shortage of Aids drugs

2973. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of Aids drugs since December, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to supply these medicines immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No Sir. There is no shortage of drugs under the programme, though some centres reported shortage of drugs for a short period of time. These centres were BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad; Medical College, Indore and IMS BHU, Varanasi. All ART centres were provided ARV drugs in July 2005 based on estimated requirements indicated by the respective State AIDS Control Society and the institutions. However, the number of patients registering for ART far exceeded these assessments resulting in some short term shortage.

The ARV drugs were procured in 2004 for 10,000 patients and during 2005 for 25,000 patients. Presently, there are 28,919 patients on ARV. As these patients were not started at the same time, the increase has been progressive and therefore, there is no actual shortage of drugs.

(c) The drugs from centres with low patients load like Pondicherry and Nagaland were shifted to these centres, to ensure no interruption in the treatment.

Further for the year 2006-07, orders for procuring drugs for 85,000 patients have been placed. They are likely to reach the designated centres by the end of May 2006.

Leaving of doctors from AIIMS

2974. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exodus of top talented doctors, financial mismanagement and unrest among the faculty of AIIMS has deteriorated the functioning of the Institute;

(b) if so, whether at least 75 faculty members have left AIIMS during the last ten years;

(c) whether recently four senior doctors have left and many are ready to leave;

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to restore its proper functioning and also to meet their demands; and

(e) what are their main demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has reported that during years from 1995 to 2006, around 75 doctors either resigned or voluntarily retired. On an average, 7-8 doctors leave the Institute, every year. This is not a new phenomenon, which is normally expected in a centre of excellence, in any competing values frame work.

Maternal deaths

2975. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that UP alone accounts for close to 40,000 maternal deaths per year, followed by Orissa, Rajasthan and other States, and further between 4 and 5 million women suffer ill-health due to child bearing complications;